

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 43: October 23 to October 29, 2022

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

Geographic Spread



Influenza Indicators

Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	Increased
ILI Percent	Increased
Hospitalizations	Increased

Regional Influenza Activity



Increased



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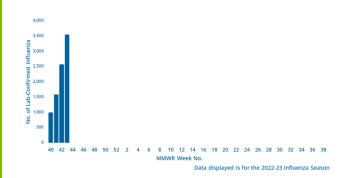
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Virologic Surveillance

This week **3524** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **8612** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **10.8%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.

12% 10% 8% 4% 4% 2% 0% 8-Oct 15-Oct 22-Oct 29-Oct Week Ending

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **251** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **46** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **8.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **423** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, **3** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there has been **5** influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

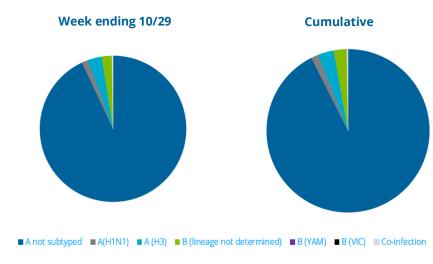
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Virologic Surveillance

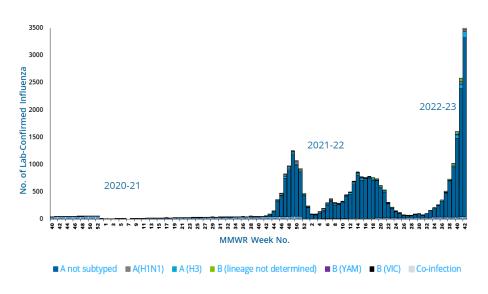
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	5 season average		
Overall	3524	8612	53	15	23		
Influenza A	3437(97.5)	8367(97.2)	28(52.8)	3(20.0)	12(52.2)		
A(H3)	111(3.2)	273(3.3)	4(14.3)		2(16.7)		
A(H1N1)	48(1.4)	122(1.5)	1(3.6)		1(8.3)		
A(NS)**	3278(95.4)	7972(95.3)	23(82.1)	3(100.0)	9(75.0)		
Influenza B	80(2.3)	225(2.6)	25(47.2)	12(80.0)	11(47.8)		
B (Victoria)							
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND) ⁺	80(100.0)	225(100.0)	25(100.0)	12(100.0)	11(100.0)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	7(0.2)	20(0.2)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	N/A		

^{*}Data presented from previous influenza seasons represents the data from that season through the same week as the current season. Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2022-23 influenza season began on October 2, 2022 and will end on September 30, 2023.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2020-21 Season to Present



^{**}NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

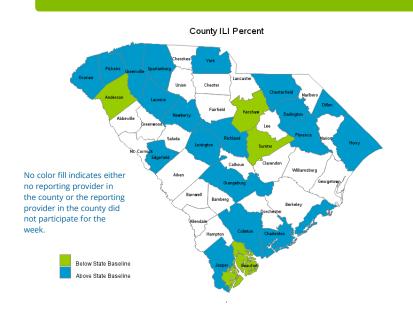
[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

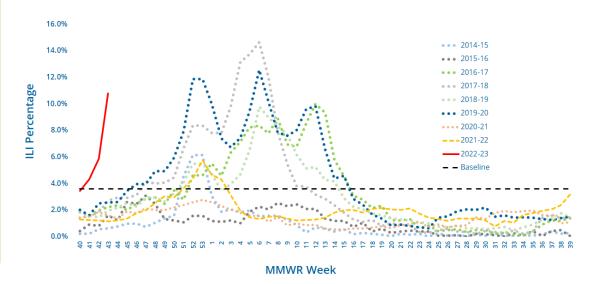
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **10.8%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **23** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

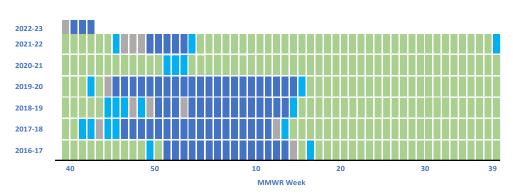
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2016-17 Influenza Season to Present



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

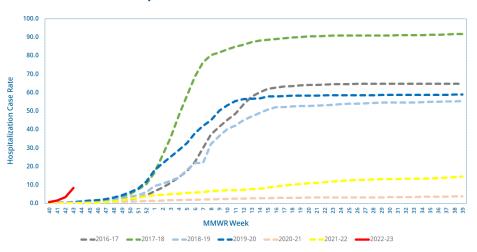
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*						
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	251(5.0)	16(5.4)	18(2.2)	66(3.2)	40(4.0)	111(12.7)
2022-23	423(8.4)	23(7.7)	40(4.9)	107(5.1)	65(6.4)	188(21.5)
2021-22	9(0.2)		1(0.1)	1(0.1)	2(0.2)	5(0.6)
2020-21	16 (0.3)	1(0.3)		5(0.2)	4(0.4)	6(2.5)
5 season average	26(0.5)	1(0.4)	2(0.2)	6(0.3)	6(0.6)	11(1.4)
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*						

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	No. of Deaths (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	3(0.1)		1(0.1)		1(0.1)	1(0.1)	
2022-23	5(0.1)		1(0.1)		2(0.2)	2(0.2)	
2021-22	0(0.0)						
2020-21	0(0.0)						
5 season average	1(0.0)					1(0.0)	

Upstate (0) Midlands (4) Pee Dee (0)

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2020-21 Season to present

